

HA-1556  
Aberdeen Esso Service Station  
Aberdeen  
Private

c. 1930

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Aberdeen Esso Service Station

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

NE cr. U.S. 40 and Bel Air Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Milton Ustaszewski

Telephone #: (301) 838-8858

STREET &amp; NUMBER

503 Ponderosa Drive

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE  
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

24-556

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Aberdeen Esso Service Station is a concrete roadside automobile service station built about 1930 and located on the northeast corner of U.S. 40 and Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen, Maryland.

The building, facing west across U.S. 40, is a one-story office with a covered driveway and gas pump island. A hipped tile roof covers the entire structure. The exterior is stucco.

The office section has plate glass windows facing the paved service area on the north, west, and south. A series of small square panes above a transom bar tops each window. The restrooms are behind the office area and are reached by separate outside doors on the north and south elevations. The doorways are placed within blind molded arches in the stucco. The overhanging roof of the driveway has foliated scroll corbels. The soffit of the overhang is covered with pressed metal sheets in a square-within-square pattern.

A three-bay garage of later date adjoins the office building on the north.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES    c. 1930

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Aberdeen Esso Service Station is an unaltered example of the early gas stations which were built during the era of automobile proliferation between the World Wars. The architecture of these stations is clearly an outgrowth of the needs of the automobile traveler: simple office functions, covered service area, public restrooms, and convenient access to gas pumps and the main highway. The decorative corbels of the Aberdeen Esso Station are a vestige of the high-style architecture of the Beaux-Arts school, a period drawing to a close at the time of the station's construction. They may be interpreted as an attempt to legitimize the service station as a permanent aesthetic form, the designer using recognizable features of a more established style in the absence of an evolved gas station architectural vocabulary.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

HA-1956

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet Davis, MHT/SHA Surveyor

December 11, 1980

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

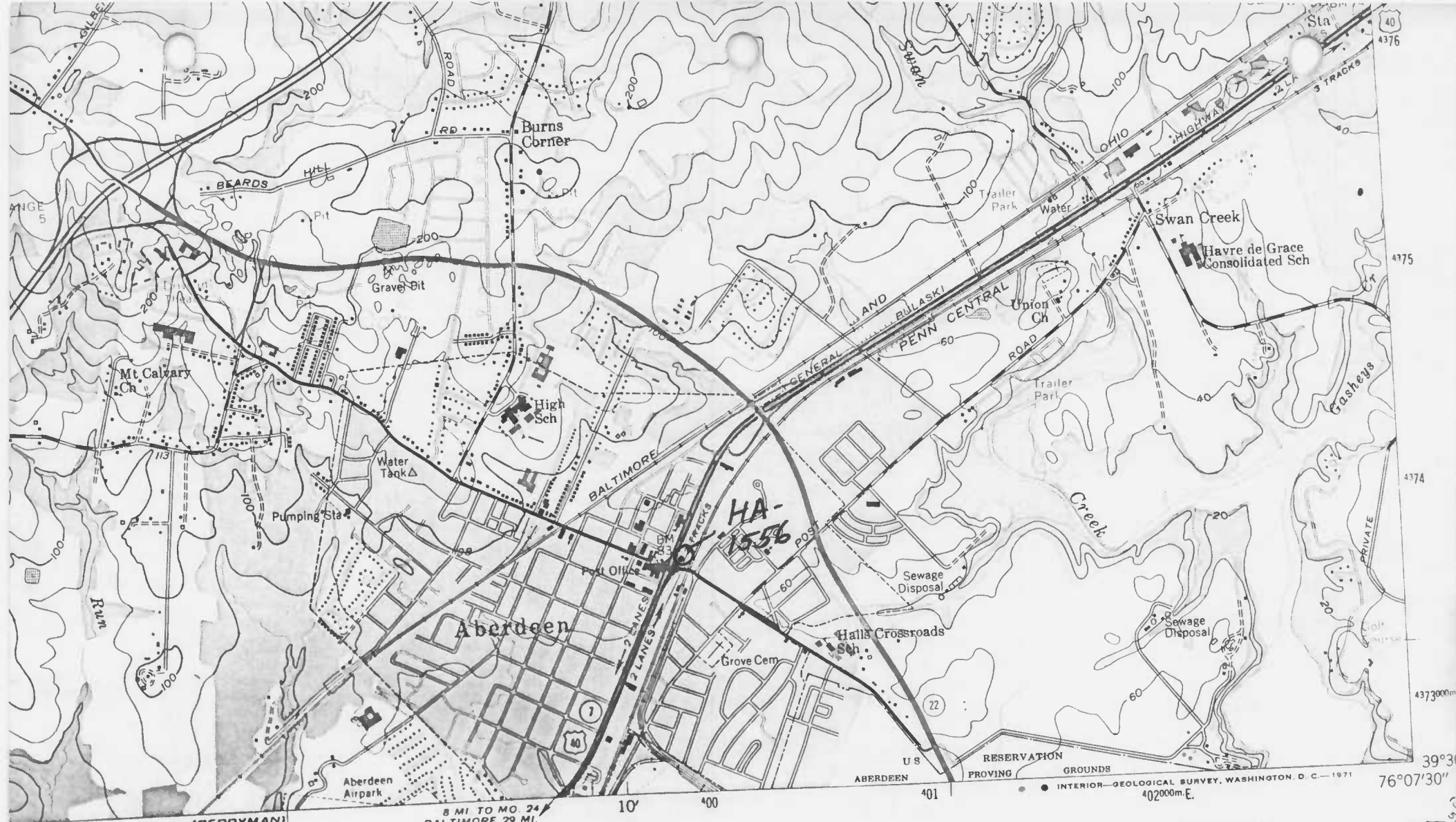
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Maryland 21401

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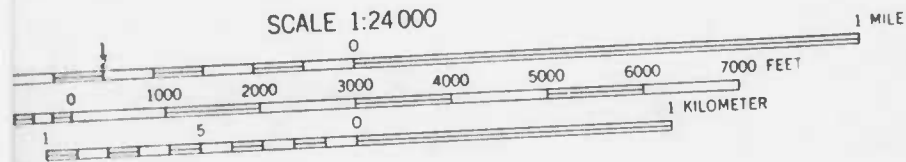
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5762 I NW

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FEDERAL GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs  
taken 1970. This information not field checked

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty..... 4 LANE 6 LANE Light-duty.....  
Medium-duty..... 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt .....  
U. S. Route State Route

ABERDEEN, MD.

SW/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3930—W7607.5/7.5

1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1970  
AMS 5763 II SW—SERIES V833









Aberdeen Fair

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Aberdeen

photo taken Jan 10

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Monmouth 1000 1000 Jan 10

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Aberdeen Food Service Station  
Aberdeen 1930  
Tel. 101 101 101 101

November 1930  
Reg. No. A.P. 101 101 101  
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